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SUMMARY: LIBYAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION HAS MET WITH PRESIDENT MICOMBERO AND FONMIN SIMBANANIYE. IS QUOTED IN MEDIA AS HAVING MADE STRONG GENERAL STATEMENTS OF INTENT TO MOVE AHEAD WITH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BURUNDI. DISCUSSIONS OF DETAILS UNDER WAY. MICOMBERO HAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE INVITATION FOR STATE VISIT TO LIBYA; RECIPROCAL INVITATION EXTENDED TO PRESIDENT QADHAFI; ZAIRE EMBASSY EXPRESSING CONCERN. END SUMMARY.
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1. LIBYAN DELEGATION ARRIVED BUJUMBURA JULY 5 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY FONMIN SIMBANANIYE IN TRIPOLI, AND PROBABLY ON ESTABLISHMENT JOINT INVESTMENT BANK (REFTEL, PARA 1 A). ACCORDING GRB NEWS BULLETIN, DELEGATION IS HEADED BY ASHOUR GARGUM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF LABOR.

2. SIMBANANIYE RECEIVED GROUP JULY 6. IN OPENING STATEMENT HE SAID VISIT CAME AS RESULT "COMMITMENTS" MADE BY QADHAFI AND MICOMBERO. STATEMENT CONTAINED PARAGRAPH NOTING COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, NEOCOLONIALISM AND ZIONISM AND BURUNDI BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH "STATE THAT INSISTS ON APPROPRIATING BY FORCE TERRITORY THAT DOES NOT BELING TO IT." STATEMENT ALSO SAID BURUNDI READY TO REACH AGREEMENTS WITH LIBYA IN ANY AREA RELATED TO BURUNDI DEVELOPMENT. IN RESPONSE, LIBYANS QUOTED AS EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH BURUNDI "WITHOUT LIMIT, WITHOUT CONDITIONS AND WITH RESPECT FOR BURUNDI INDEPENDENCE."

3. BURUNDI RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT LIBYANS CALLED ON PRESIDENT MICOMBERO JULY 8. INVITATIONS FOR STATE VISITS WERE EXCHANGED, WITH MICOMBERO ACCEPTING IN PRINCIPLE, DATE TO BE SET LATER. PRESIDENT THANKED LIBYA FOR ITS SUPPORT DURING PRESENT PERIOD OF STRUGGLE. DELEGATION IN RETURN QUOTED AS EXPRESSING ADMIRATION OF PRESIDENT QADHAFI AND LIBYAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR "DYNAMISM AND REVOLUTIONARY ENGAGEMENT" OF GRB AND BARUNDI PEOPLE. OVERTHROW OF BURUNDI MONARCHY MENTIONED FAVORABLY. ADDED THAT LIBYA DETERMINED TO MOVE ON TO ACTS OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

4. DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE JULY 10 AND 11 WITH PROBABLE DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION JULY 12.

5. ZAIRE EMBASSY HERE EVINCING CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS VISIT. THEIR SECOND SECRETARY TODAY EXPRESSED CONCERN TO EMBAFF AT PROSPECT ESTABLISHMENT PLO OFFICE HERE, IF THIS SHOULD EVENTUATE. NO INDICATION, HOWEVER,
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THAT THEY ARE DOING ANYTHING MORE THAN WATCHING AT THIS POINT.
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